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Commanding Officer Naval Air Station Fallon

Capt. David A. Rogers

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RE: Site 5, Ordnance Area Site Inspection & Closure Naval Air Station Fallon

Dear Capt. Rogers:

As stated in Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) letter and follow up correspondence dated April 21, 1999 and January 2, 2001, NDEP has completed our review of the subject site project file and Mr. Jeff Johnson's May 11, 1999 site inspection notes and photographs. Mr. Johnson's inspection and photographic documentation identified that Site 5 is in a controlled portion of the Station with a security perimeter fence. The site was observed to be heavily vegetated with an occasional metal or wood debris in the surface soils. The former burial trenches were observed to be slightly elevated above existing grade with imported fill material. NDEP conducted a site inspection on March 29, 2001 to review the facilities Land Use Controls (LUC). LUC consisted of an eight (8) foot fence with barbed wire, controlled access, and signage.

NDEP has also reviewed Naval Air Station Fallon's (NASF) - Site 5 Ordnance Area Closure Document dated May 1, 2001. This document presents a historic summary of Site 5 and identifies the potential for limited amounts of 20mm shells to be present in the northern most east/west trench. The report conclusions request site closure (No Further Action) with UXO and LUC restrictions.

NDEP concurs with the No Further Action Closure based upon the information and data provided to date (1988 PA/SI, NDEP's May 11, 1999 & March 29, 2001 site inspections, and

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NAS Fallon May 1, 2001 Closure Report). This action is subject to NASF maintaining the stated UXO and LUC restrictions. If future information or conditions warrant, NDEP may request further information, data, investigation and/or remediation.

Sincerely,

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